

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 were pending in the present application. Claim 18 has been cancelled without prejudice. Claim 16 has been amended. Therefore, claims 1-17 are currently pending. No new matter has been added.

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Response to Restriction Requirement Under 35 U.S.C. §121

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- Group I: Claims 1-17, drawn to a method for rescuing damaged nerve cells using a deprenyl compound, classified in class 515, subclass 646.

- Group II: Claim 18, drawn to a kit comprising a container of a deprentyl and instruction for administering the compound to a subject having damaged nerve cells, classified in class 514, subclass 646.

Applicants hereby elect Group I, drawn to a method for rescuing damaged nerve cells using a deprenyl compound, without traverse.

Response to Species Election

The Examiner has required Applicants to elect, under 35 U.S.C. § 121, a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits. Applicants hereby elect (-)-desmethyldeprenyl.

SUMMARY

Cancellation of claims should in no way be construed as acquiescence to any of the Examiner's objections and/or rejections. The cancellation of the claims is being made solely to expedite prosecution of the above-identified application. Applicants reserve the option to further prosecute the same or similar claims in the present or another patent application. The cancellation of the claims is not related to any issues of patentability.

It is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. If there are any remaining issues or the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicants' Attorney would be helpful in expediting prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (617) 227-7400.

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